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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS**

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the attached Notice Regarding Drawings mailed 3/9/06, and attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review. Pursuant to Applicant's Attorney's telephone conferences with Draftsmen John Fitzhugh and Josh Chase, Objection "11. SHADING" in said Notice should be waived and the attached corrected Formal Figures 1 through 12 are submitted herewith for reconsideration.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner of Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on

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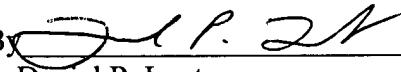
It is respectfully asserted that the foregoing Formal Figures 1 through 12 fully respond to the aforementioned Notices and that the drawings herein should now be allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please telephone the undersigned for any reason. Applicants respectfully endeavor to cooperate with the Examiner and to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Notice Regarding Drawings

Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on 11/15/2001 are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b).** Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.

ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review

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## NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date)

11/15/01

are:

approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.

B.  objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

**1. DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required).

Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. PHOTOGRAPHS.** 37 CFR 1.84(b)  
 One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)  
 Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. TYPE OF PAPER.** 37 CFR 1.84(e)

Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**4. SIZE OF PAPER.** 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:  
21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) or  
21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2x 11 inches)

All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**5. MARGINS.** 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins: Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Top (T)      Left (L)  
 Right (R)      Bottom (B)

**6. VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed.

Views not labeled separately or properly.

Fig(s) 2 5-8 10-12

**7. SECTIONAL VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(i)

Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**9. SCALE.** 37 CFR 1.84(k)

Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS.** 37 CFR 1.84(l)

Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) 1/2

**11. SHADING.** 37 CFR 1.84(m)

Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) 5-10-12

**12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS.** 37 CFR 1.84(p)

Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least 32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**13. LEAD LINES.** 37 CFR 1.84(q)

Lead lines missing. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.84(t)

Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numbers beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(u)

Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**16. DESIGN DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.152

Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMENTS:

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

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